

**Minutes – Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday August 21st, 2018 @ 7.30pm @ Gisborne Tennis Club**

**1**. **Meeting opened** by Di Devine at 7.30pm.

**Present:**

Lorraine Hay Bullengarook

Kim Bouchier Diggers Rest

Anne Evans Gisborne

Pam Szatkowski Gisborne

Emma Brown Hanging Rock

Belinda Jaques Hanging Rock

Kristine Clement Kilmore

Jenny Elston Kyneton

Sarah Petschel Lancefield

Ros Rodgers Macedon

Junko Mishima Macedon

Lorraine Marsh Melton South

Judy Unwin Mt Carmel

Beth Girdwood Mt Carmel

Robyn Johnston New Gisborne

Di Devine Riddells Creek

Renee Griffiths Riddells Creek

Sandra Witmitz Riddells Creek

Louise Conlon Romsey

Nicki Ferrero Romsey

Anna Karopoulos Sth Gisborne

Meagan McAliece Sth Gisborne

Marie Sharp Sth Gisborne

Eloise Carter Sth Gisborne

Marg Burns Sunbury

Heather Kelly Toolern Vale

Jodie Kreig Toolern Vale

Lauren Roberts Woodend

Jackie Young Woodend

**2. Apologies:** Jenny Synnott ( Melton Sth ), Thea Fitzpatrick (Diggers Rest ),

Aileen Almond (Sunbury ), Vanessa Ouston (Sunbury ), Kim Styles (Sunbury )

**3. Minutes of 2017 AGM**: were circulated prior to the meeting

It was moved that the Minutes be accepted.

Moved: Kim Bouchier, Seconded: Belinda Jaques Carried

**4. Correspondence:**

In **–** TheHubmagazine -4 editions from Community Clubs Victoria

Out **–** Tennis Victoria - Affiliation

**5. President’s Report:-attached Di Devine**

**6. Treasurer’s Report: Attached..Emma Brown**

Accounts for the financial period 01/07/2017-30/06/2018 were presented and discussed.

They have not yet been audited.

Total Receipts $ 9,724.00

Total Payments $ 11,062.59

There was a loss this year of $ 1,338.59

**7. Ladder Secretary:presented by Emma Brown on behalf of Aileen Almond& Vanessa Ouston**

We would firstly like to apologise for being unable to make the AGM due to work commitments.

The last two seasons have run fairly smoothly and teams seemed to have easily adapted to the 5pm Wednesday deadline which has reduced the amount of time that we have to spend on checking scores.

Aileen has been trialling an app version of the tenniscores website which at this stage is only available to Apple users. Please let Aileen know if you are interested in also trialling it.

We regretfully are not applying to continue in the role of ladder secretary but would encourage someone or maybe a couple of people to take it on. We will continue to see through this season and hopefully train the incumbent during this time.

**8. Fixture Secretary:**

The fixtures have been done.

Jenny Elston was away for finals and team entries. .Changing the day for the grading meeting meant that some M&P members were not available.

Motion: That all the reports be accepted

Moved: Emma Brown Seconded: Anne Evans Carried

**9. Election of Committee:**

Anna Karopoulos thanked all the committee who volunteer their time to enable our association to run so that we all get to play tennis.

Di Devine declared all positions vacant. Beth Girdwood presided over the election of the following Executive Committee and Match and Permit members with all being voted in unanimously:

**President**: --------- No nominations

**Vice President**: Lauren Roberts Nominated: Emma Brown Seconded: Di Devine

**Secretary**: Kim Bouchier Nominated: Emma Brown Seconded: Di Devine

**Treasurer**: Emma Brown Nominated: Belinda Jaques Seconded: Naomi Mc Craw

**Ladder Secretary**: ------------No Nominations

**Fixture Secretary**: Jenny Elston Nominated: Marg Burns Seconded: Robyn Johnston

**Match & Permit Committee:**

Anne Evans Gisborne (Sect. 3) Nominated: Pam Szatkowski Seconded: Nicki Ferraro

Heather De Mack Hanging Rock (Sect.4) Nominated: Belinda Jaques Seconded: Emma Brown

Marg Burns Sunbury (Sect.4) Nominated: Heather Kelly Seconded: Sarah Petschel

Kristine Clement Kilmore (Sect. 1) Nominated: Ros Rodgers Seconded: Marg Burns

Louise Conlan Romsey (Sect.2 ) Nominated:.Emma Brown Seconded: Di Devine

Jeanette Brockman…Mt Carmel (Sect.4) Nominated:Judy Unwin Seconded: Ann Kearney

Jackie Young Woodend (Sect.5) Nominated: Lauren Roberts Seconded: Kim Bouchier

As there were no nominations for President or Ladder Secretary the names of clubs who did not have a member or retiring member on the executive committee were “put in the jar”.

Match & Permit committee members are not included in this exemption. The exempted clubs were : Riddell, Sunbury, Woodend, Kyneton, Hanging Rock, Diggers Rest. The remaining 11 clubs were included in the draw.

Beth Girdwood conducted the draw

President: South Gisborne

Ladder Secretary: Gisborne

Anna Karopoulos requested that Sth Gisborne be exempted as she was the immediate past president having held the position for 4 years.

To avoid the nominated clubs being forced to fill these positions clubs are requested to ask each club member to see if they have someone who could do these jobs. A 2 week time limit was set for this process . If the positions are not filled by Sep 4th then the clubs drawn out are obliged to fill the positions.

[Di Devine resumed the chair]

**11. General Business:**

**(a) Review of registration fees**

Motion: That the fees for 2019 remain the same as 2018.

Moved : Emma Brown Seconded: Kim Bouchier Carried

**(b) Country Competitions Summit**

Committee members from our member clubs are invited to attend this summit on November 14th run by Tennis Victoria. Flyers were handed out at the meeting. This is also an attachment in the club contact email sent to clubs on August 20th.

**(c) Arrangements for lunch each. week**

There was a suggestion that players bring their own lunch to avoid food wastage if players cannot stay, food allergies making the provided food unsuitable or time and cost pressures to host a lunch

The discussion that followed overwhelmingly favoured the retention of the home club providing a lunch. Many found this feature of our competition to be their favourite part of developing the social aspect of tennis competition.

It was suggested that many of the problems raised could be easily overcome by communicating before the day with the home team if players can’t stay or have dietary requirements. Everyone has contact phone numbers for each team. With prior notice suitable arrangements could usually be made.

**(d) Marketing- MDLTA “Bring a Friend Day”**

The committee is in the process of organising this event at Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club. The proposed date is Sunday October 14th. More details to follow.

**(e) Proposed Amendment to By-Law 3.9.1:**

Currently we have…… “In an event of an injury……”,

Background : By-law does not cover “illness “ or “other sufficient reason”. It also does not cover something legitimate happening to a player in between sets (such as tripping over, fainting, vomiting…).That is providing fairness in rare but possible scenarios The wording needs to prevent a team just replacing a tired player with a “fresh” one so requires the agreement of the opposing team (which will obviously be forthcoming in genuine cases ) The by-law needs modifying to provide clarity and fairness in rare but possible scenarios.( Other by-laws stipulate there is a 60 minute time limit in which to get the emergency player )

The proposed by-law is

“In the event of an injury, illness or other sufficient reason, the affected player is entitled to ten (10) minutes recovery time and then play is continued. If the player is unable to continue play, then the opposing team shall be deemed to have won all remaining points in that set. A registered emergency player may then play in all the remaining sets. If the player completes a set but is unable to continue in the next set due to the aforementioned reasons they will forfeit all the points for that next set unless the opposing team in consultation with the affected team agrees to allow a registered emergency player to play in the next set.

Motion: That the amended By-Law 3.9.1 be adopted

Moved: Di Devine Seconded: Kim Bouchier Carried

**(f) Change Our Game Community Activation Grants:**

This grant provides funding to assist community sport and active recreation organisations deliver one-off events and forums that celebrate the role of women and girls.

Applications close 5pm Tuesday Sep 4th

ACTION: Robyn, Di and Emma will have a look at this to see if MDLTA will apply.

ACTION: Kim will forward the information to member clubs in case they want to submit

**(g) Other:**

(i) Ros Rodgers(on behalf of Macedon ) raised concerns about this season’s grading and the flow;on effect to sections 1,2 &3.She was concerned about the day change for the grading meeting and that decisions about Sections 1&2 were made when there were no M&P members from those grades present at the meeting.

Di responded that the issues were discussed extensively at the grading meeting and the decisions implemented were the result of a majority vote from this meeting. There are a lot of factors to be considered and hopefully this is a short term problem that we will learn from

(ii) The By-Laws are under review. This process will continue.

**Meeting closed**: 9:11pm